

## WIPP Quick Facts (As of 10-20-10)

### 9,067

Shipments received since opening  
(8,644 CH and 423 RH)

### 71,429

Cubic meters of waste disposed  
(71,211 CH and 218 RH)

### 138,368

Containers disposed in the  
underground  
(137,946 CH and 422 RH)

## CBFO hires new employees

Several key Department of Energy employees previously affiliated with other DOE sites are now bringing their expertise to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

The list of DOE employees joining CBFO includes Dr. Abraham (Abe) Van Luik, a scientist who previously served as senior policy advisor at Yucca Mountain. Also joining CBFO is Frank Moussa, who had been a supervisor of the DOE's intergovernmental operations department. Anthony Stone and Thomas Morgan have also joined CBFO, where they will work as an environmental protection specialist and as DOE manager of WIPP's Central Characterization Project (CCP), respectively.

### Abe Van Luik



Abe Van Luik joined CBFO after several decades of working on the Yucca Mountain Project in Nevada, where he served as senior policy advisor for performance assessment.

## WIPP surpasses 9,000 shipments



**The 9000th shipment arrived at WIPP in the late evening of October 5.**

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant has achieved another shipping milestone. Earlier this month, WIPP received its 9,000th shipment of transuranic (TRU) waste for permanent disposal in WIPP's underground.

The shipment, which originated from Idaho National Laboratory (INL), arrived in the evening of October 5. To date, INL has shipped over 4,400 shipments to WIPP.

"This significant milestone represents our commitment to the nation to clean up the defense legacy TRU waste footprint," said Interim Acting CBFO Manager Ed Ziemianski. "The WIPP team has cleaned up 17 sites from across the country and in a manner that is protective of the workers, the public and the environment."

## CBFO Manager going to miss WIPP, Carlsbad



With CBFO, Van Luik will work with existing staff to set up cooperation between the U.S. repository program and other international agencies. In pursuit of this goal, Van Luik and other DOE employees will work with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department.

"I'm happy to be working on a repository that has been in operation 11 years with a stellar operational safety record, and that is about to receive a third operating permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," Van Luik said about joining WIPP.

**Frank Moussa**



Frank Moussa has been assigned to CBFO to assist with stakeholder relations, but his diverse background in environmental science, transportation and emergency management means he will likely be called upon to assist with the WIPP facility on a number of fronts.

Moussa has spent the past three years with the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management in Washington D.C., where his focus was also working with project stakeholders. He's spent most of his professional career, however, in the state of Kansas as the Technological Hazards Administrator with oversight on the state's offsite emergency planning and response relative to the Wolf Creek Generating Station, a nuclear power plant located in Burlington, Kansas.

"I'm very excited," he said. "The people here have made me feel very welcome. They've made me feel a part of this organization. I really believe that this mission is vital to our national security and our nuclear strategy."

Dr. Dave Moody admits that he has mixed feelings about his upcoming departure from the helm of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO).

Moody, who managed CBFO for the past five years, has been named manager of the Savannah River Site (SRS) near Aiken, S.C. While he said he's thrilled about the upcoming professional challenges he'll be facing, he's saddened about leaving both a project and a community that he's loved.

Moody left Carlsbad in October, but his family will be in town through the fall.

"I'm saying goodbye in small doses," he said. "My employees mean so much to me. While I am saying goodbye, I think it's helpful that it will be in bits and pieces over the next few months."

Prior to working as CBFO's manager, Moody was the deputy manager and technical director of Los Alamos National Laboratory's Carlsbad office. Before that, he held a senior advisory post at the Rocky Flats Site. Moody has a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Indiana University and a B.S. in chemistry from the University of South Carolina.

He said the significance of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's mission and success story is what drew him to apply for the manager's position five years ago.

"The project is important to the overall nuclear future of the country," he said. "We are a deep geological repository that has shown you can credibly and safely move TRU waste and dispose of it."

Moody said high points during his tenure as CBFO manager included obtaining the permit modification to receive remote-handled waste, celebrating WIPP's 10-year anniversary of operations, surpassing the 10-million mile mark in terms of loaded miles driven and overall having one of the best safety records in the DOE.

"When I started almost five years ago, my goal was to build a team environment, and I really do think we've grown together as a team," he added.

Moody said he especially appreciates the successful partnership between DOE employees and contractors. He noted that Secretary of Energy Steven Chu has promoted such an approach, and WIPP has been ahead of the curve.

"We function extremely well in our partnership with WTS (Washington TRU Solutions)," he said. "We work continually together as a team. It's not just a situation of 'we identify the problem and you fix it.'"

As one good example of such teamwork, Moody cited the recent progress related to the New Mexico Environment Department's Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal. Federal employees and contractors worked extremely well together, which benefited the process with the stakeholders and regulators, so that only two days of technical testimony was required, he said.

Moody said he is pleased to see the concept of the TRUPACT-III, a shipping package originally championed by Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Inés Triay, moving forward.

Down the road, Moody said WIPP will certainly be tasked with continuing to focus on accelerated disposal of legacy TRU waste.

"Dr. Triay's vision is to complete disposal of 90 percent of legacy TRU waste by 2015," he said. "I'll be working on my own side at SRS to live up to it. The goal is by the end of 2015 to have Hanford as the only site with a significant amount of legacy TRU waste."

Moody said he also hopes to see CBFO continue to evolve as a field office. Most significantly, he wants the site's safety record to continue to serve as an industry model.

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### Anthony Stone



Anthony Stone, environmental protection specialist, moved to Carlsbad in July 2010.

Stone began his environmental career in 1987 working for the U.S. Coast Guard as an inspector enforcing Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations on both foreign and domestic vessels entering San Francisco Bay.

After his time with the U.S. Coast Guard, he worked for the Navy and Marine Corps as a civilian employee. During this time, he managed hazardous waste at 90 day, satellite accumulation sites and at a one year, permitted Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) facility.

He was hired by the DOE to work on the Yucca Mountain Project in 2008.

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### Tom Morgan



Tom Morgan joined CBFO from the Savannah River Site as CBFO's CCP Manager in June, but he had previously handled many similar job duties as a subcontractor.

His background is in operations management. He spent 22 years in production operations at the Rocky Flats Site before working as a project manager at the Savannah River Site. Prior to being involved with CCP oversight, Morgan helped develop WIPP's Document Safety Analysis (DSA) plan.

Moody said he's going to miss the community he and his wife, Patricia, have enjoyed for the past 10 years. After moving to Carlsbad from Colorado, they quickly fell in love with a small town environment where the teenagers were still polite and the emphasis was still on family.

"Carlsbad really is home," he said. "This community has welcomed my family with open arms. It's been a great place to raise our youngest daughter."

Their daughter, Paula, is currently in the sixth grade at P.R. Leyva Middle School.

"This is the only home she has ever known," Moody said. "There is joy in looking toward the future, but we're also really sad to leave all the friends we have made here."

Moody said he is also going to miss the park along the Pecos River and all of the activities available. His daughter and other family members, he noted, often enjoyed 4-wheeling and floating down the Pecos north of Carlsbad.

Patricia Moody has been an active volunteer during her time in Carlsbad. She assisted with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), CARC Inc. and the Christian Women's Club.

Moody said he was happy that he, through CBFO, was able to assist the community that showed so much love to his family.

"We had a partnership with the community from a Department standpoint," he said.

CBFO, through legislative funding, was able to allocate money to the community for projects such as the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials, Cetane Energy and street repair. The DOE also partnered with the city to provide an additional water line.

"I was fortunate to have been able to help position Carlsbad for the future," he said. "I hope in some way, I can continue to help both Carlsbad and Aiken by working to secure a nuclear future for this country."

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## CBFO has other leadership team changes

Dr. Dave Moody's departure from the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) isn't the only major transition this fall that involves the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's (WIPP) leadership team.

Several other key managers with CBFO have also transferred to other DOE sites or switched positions within CBFO.

Howard Budweg, CBFO's director of the Office of Site Operations (OSO) at WIPP will serve as the CBFO representative for the North West Region and Senior Central Characterization Project Manager for the Hanford and Idaho sites. He assumed his new responsibilities on Oct. 1. Budweg joined CBFO WIPP from Hanford's Office of River Protection (ORP) in February 2009.

"The Hanford site and Idaho (INL) are the key to ensuring that our nation's TRU waste cleanup efforts are advancing successfully in the future," Budweg said. "I'm very privileged to be part of such an essential component of this national project; you can count on me to represent DOE, CBFO and NTP efforts to meet our national goals."



As the DOE's manager of CCP, Morgan will spend most of his time overseeing activities at SRS, Oak Ridge and other generator sites.

"The role CCP plays is to provide a turnkey operation to a lot of the sites," Morgan said. "It really allows a discrete, professional group of people to go in there and take care of the job."

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### Veterans Day Celebration scheduled

As part of the Veteran's Day celebration, CBFO is putting together a photo collage commemorating U.S. service veterans of WIPP employees and their families. The collage will be displayed in the Skeen-Whitlock Building lobby. WIPP employees who wish to participate can send their photos to Meg Milligan at MS GSA-222 or Lina Pacheco at MS GSA-223.

The celebration will take place on November 10 at 10 a.m. at the Skeen-Whitlock Building. WIPP employees, as well as friends and families of WIPP employees are encouraged to attend.

All photos should be submitted with names and dates of service, as well as contact information for return purposes.

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Casey Gadbury, National TRU Program Director, has taken Budweg's position as Director of Site Operations, also effective Oct. 1. Gadbury was selected to direct the National TRU Program in April 2007. The CBFO NTP office is responsible for the characterization and shipment of TRU waste to WIPP. CBFO's OSO office is responsible for the permanent disposal of TRU waste at WIPP.

Gadbury has worked at WIPP for more than 20 years, but he began his DOE career when he became WIPP Waste Operations Program Manager in 2001. He has also served as team leader for NTP waste logistics, and he's recently served as CBFO's ARRA Federal Project Director.

The National TRU Program Director vacancy is being advertised. In the meantime, Bill Mackie, CBFO's Institutional Programs Manager, will be serving as acting NTP director.

"Bill is an extremely knowledgeable veteran of the WIPP program, who will do an excellent job serving as acting director until a full-time replacement is selected," said Gadbury. "For my part, I'm excited by the opportunity to come back to the WIPP site to provide DOE oversight and management of the TRU waste disposal at WIPP."



**Casey Gadbury**



**Bill Mackie**

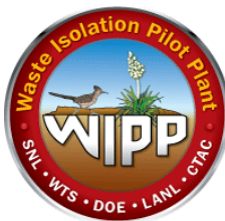
A search is ongoing for a replacement for Moody, who has been selected to lead the DOE's Office of Environmental Management at the Savannah River Site. During the upcoming transition period, Ed Ziemianski, from Idaho National Laboratory, will serve as interim acting manager of CBFO.

CBFO's deputy manager, Vernon Daub, also retired from the DOE this summer. Oba Vincent, CBFO's Senior Strategist, will serve as acting CBFO Deputy Manager in the interim.

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